

Shean L. Atkins is currently the principal consultant for the S.L. Atkins Group where he provides strategy, external relations, and business and program development services for public and private sector clients. Mr. Atkins is also the company's lead consultant on mixed-income and attainable housing developments – where strategies are devised to provide amenity-rich communities for households of all income levels. Before his entrepreneurial endeavors, Mr. Atkins served as vice president of External & Governmental Affairs and Corporate Communications for Atlanta Housing (AH). In this capacity, he provided leadership for strategies that safeguarded and cultivated essential AH external relationships, including those with governmental entities, elected officials, educational institutions, foundations, social services providers, and other stakeholders. He devised and implemented the agency's strategic plans aimed at providing employment, job training, adult literacy, and various human services resources to aid AH-assisted families and individuals in the attainment of economic and social self-reliance. Mr. Atkins also served as a spokesperson for the organization and provided leadership for the team that developed and executed effective communications strategies that are aligned with AH's mission, vision, and priorities, and which ensured consistency of messaging across the enterprise and to external stakeholders. Prior to his roles at AH, Mr. Atkins served ten years as chief of staff and senior legislative advisor for the longest serving member of the Atlanta City Council, where he directed, managed, and administered all operational aspects of the district office and its staff. Before joining the Atlanta City Council staff in 1997, Mr. Atkins was junior architectural designer and then director of business development for a local architectural firm.

Mr. Atkins' commitment to community engagement and leadership are reflected in his vast civic involvement. He is an inaugural and current board member of Community imPACT – the community development corporation affiliated with Impact Church; past trustee vice chair of his home church, Zion Hill Baptist Church; and is an appointed member of the Howard University Trustee Candidate Identification Advisory Council (TCIAC). During his tenure with the City of Atlanta, he chaired two committees for the city's Advisory Commission on International Relations; is chairman emeritus of the Atlanta-Nürnberg (Germany) Committee on the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission (26 years engagement / 10 years as chair); and past chairman (20+ years of service) of the East Point Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Atkins is also a past member of the Alliance Theatre Advisory Board, past chairman of the Villages at Carver Family YMCA Board of Directors, past co-chair of the Atlanta Black-Jewish Coalition, and former board member of the Atlanta Workforce Development Agency (now WorkSource Atlanta). He is a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. where he currently serves as a member of the Leadership Circle and on the Design Committee for the fraternity's newest national monument.

Mr. Atkins holds a professional degree in Architecture from Howard University's School of Architecture and City Planning where he held several leadership positions, and was a scholarship recipient of the American Institute of Architects. He enjoys politics, history, traveling and various forms of art and culture.